duced by the Railway establishment are inadequate ;

(d) whether Government propose to provide advance technology being developed by R & D railways for manufacturing of concrete sleepers by Private entrepreneurs to meet the continuous growing demand and save forests for better environment; and

(e) if so, the names and addresses of the authorities to be approached by entrepreneurs for obtaining technology and technical know-how for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) • (a) and (b) Concrete sleepers are being laid on all high density routes as a part of track renewals planned on such routes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Railways are already pro-viding such advanced technology to the private entrepreneurs.

(e) Research, Designs & Standards Organisation, Lucknow.

**Waiting room at Guwahati Railway Station**

3669. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the upkeep of the first class waiting room at Guwahati Railway Station is in poor shape ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the waiting room is not large enough considering the huge number of passengers travelling from Guwahati; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) • (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Railway land in Assam**

3670.' SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a targe area of railway land lying un-utilised at Pandu. Amingaon, Maligaon. and New Guwahati in Assam, where there has been encroachment over that land ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the encroachers are demanding allotment of that land to them on lease-basis; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in *the* matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The railway administration has taken action to evict the encroachers from Railway Land under provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971. The Railways have, however, offered to relinquish 90 acre of railway land at Amingaon to the State Government for rehabilitation of the refugees who have encroached upon railway land in Pandu-Guwahati area. Further action in the matter rests with the State Govern ment.

**Special train from New Jalpaiguri to Delhi**

3671. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal for the introduction of the special train